

FACTORY HEAD SAYS MARKET IS SUB-NORMAL

W. H. Braselton Compares Conditions in Wholesale Leather With Those in Civil War Period.

NO DROP FOR WAGES

Increased Freight Rates and High Price of Labor Offset Decline in Raw Material.

"The shoe market is now below normal," said W. H. Braselton, superintendent of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory of Columbia.

In explaining the condition of the wholesale shoe and leather market Mr. Braselton goes back to the period of the Civil War. Then prices went through a series of adjustments he says. During the war they went up but afterward, after several fluctuations, they finally found a permanent level from which they varied only slightly. The price of shoes went down but never as low as before the war. The same price situation is before us now, he believes.

"The low price of hides does not affect the price of shoes to any great extent," said Mr. Braselton. "I don't believe that wages will see any decline. Increased freight rates combined with the high price of labor offset the decline in raw material. I believe that these factors have been an influence and will be in fixing the wholesale price of shoes."

"A country hide that sells for 10 cents a pound here will, by the time it has gone through the hands of the tan-

ner and has had the freight and labor charges added to it, be worth 30 cents a pound when it gets to the wholesale shoe man.

"Hides that are now selling for 28 and 30 cents a pound were worth 50 cents a year ago. The inferior grades of hides that are now selling for 16 and 17 cents a pound were worth 34 and 35 cents a year ago."

As long as labor and freight rates stay up to the present standard a price must be demanded for shoes that will offset this increase in the cost of production, according to the opinion expressed by Mr. Braselton.

PRaises U. S. RECORD IN HAITI

Prof. S. D. Gromer Says Military Exercises Are Overbalanced.

Yesterday morning's papers carried accounts of the investigation of the charges of wanton cruelty of marines in dealing with the natives of Haiti. Prof. S. D. Gromer, of the College of Agriculture who spent over four years in Porto Rico and has had an opportunity to observe American colonial policies, voiced the opinion that it was probable that the military was guilty of some excesses, when the attitude of some soldiers was considered; but that the island was undoubtedly much better off economically and politically, and had improved in education and sanitation more than would have been true without American occupation.

Professor Gromer believes the American colonies are better off than colonies of any other nations. The English colonial officials are better trained as administrators and executives than the Americans, but they have not the democratic qualities and sympathies of Americans for their subjects. The British works for the advancement of the Empire through the development of the economic and industrial resources of the colony; the American considers more seriously the welfare of the people of the colony by devoting greater effort to education and sanitation.

The University Columns Are the Only Reminder of Fire in 1892

When students and visitors pass the Columns they admire their beauty and speak of the dignity they add to the campus. Few of the visitors and practically none of the students remember that once a building stood there and that at one time it was the pride of the University and of the state.

The first main building of the University, which stood in the center of what is now the quadrangle, was built in 1840. It housed practically all of the departments of the University except the College of Agriculture and was one of the first large state university buildings to be erected in the middle west. On July 4, 1840, the cornerstone was laid for this building, and a great celebration was held. Men of national importance were here to take part in the celebration and to deliver speeches. After the ceremonies were over, barbecue was held north of the spot where Switzer Hall now stands.

It was a great event, and as an old history of Boone County states, "The people of Boone County made sure that the day was celebrated in the proper manner."

This building was the home of the University for a good many years. On the night of January 9, 1892, the Athenaeum Society of the University was to have held its annual open session in the chapel which was located in the left wing of the building. About 7 o'clock in the evening the audience began to assemble. The University band had just come on to the stage and was preparing to give a short concert. Suddenly the big electric chandelier in the center of the auditorium, dropped from its hangings and the house was plunged into darkness.

There were not enough persons in the auditorium to create a panic and they began to search for the cause of the peculiar disturbance. After a few minutes a dim glow was seen in the hole which the fallen chandelier had made in the ceiling. The members of the band and the few persons in the audience rushed up to the next floor of the building and when a classroom door, directly above the auditorium, was opened a great cloud of smoke and flames greeted them. The fire had begun from a broken electric wire in the ceiling of the auditorium, and had allowed the chandelier to become incandescent from its hangings. It immediately spread to all parts of that wing of the building and in a short while the whole building was a mass of flames. That part of the building was constructed of wood and after the fire had a good start there was no chance whatever of curbing it. In addition to this a strong wind was blowing.

The fire started about 7 o'clock and by midnight the main building of the University of Missouri was a mass of ruins. Very little was saved from the building. Practically all of the professors of the University at that time had their offices there. The Geological Museum was located in the building and practically all of the specimens were lost. The only thing from that collection which was saved was the elephant which is still a part of the Geological Museum, which today is located in the Geology Building.

The students of the University took a leading part in fighting the flames. The loss which the state sustained was never known exactly. On the building and the museum it was estimated that the loss was \$350,000 but there were so many things that could not be estimated that the real loss was never known.

On the morning following the fire, the ruins of the building stood as a ghastly specter of what had taken place the night before. To quote from a newspaper account published the day after the fire: "The walls of the main building of the University of Missouri stood as gaunt and grim specters of former architectural beauty, and as the outward ruins of where once—and recently—there met the high discourse of the brains of the University's chosen professors and the energetic studios minds of the youth of the state of Missouri."

Although the main building of the school was gone, not a single class was disrupted by the fire. Not a single student left town. A meeting was held the next day of the professors and the students and townspeople and everyone agreed to stay on the job and go ahead with the work of the school. The fire occurred in the middle of the winter but temporary quarters for all the classes were established and every one of them met on the following day.

The ruins of the building stood for some time as a monument of the great fire. Gradually the remains were cleared away. All that was left of the building were the columns which today stand in the center of the quadrangle and add to the beauty of the present campus and also as a reminder of the first Academic Hall which Missouri University ever had.

Such is the history of the columns.

STUDENTS TO PRESENT PLAYS

Dramatic Interpretation Class Prepares Four Numbers.

The buffoon, the tragic figure, the old bent woman, who looks young despite her limp and make-up, and the beautiful maiden stumble or stride or trip across the stage of the University auditorium.

The old man whistles as soon as he gets into the wings and the old woman automatically powders her nose, for they are students in the dramatic interpretation class, practicing for the plays they are going to give December 1.

These plays will include "Will O' the Wisp," an impressionistic episode by Doris F. Halman; parts 1 and 2 of "Plots and Playwrights," a realistic episode by Edward Massey; and Stanley Houghton's "The Dear Departed," a broad comedy. The fourth of this series of plays has not yet been decided on.

Souvenir programs for the purpose of raising money for the Dramatic Museum will be on sale. H. S. Bill's students in design are now making a cover for the souvenir programs. Admission, as usual will be by invitation.

The cast of characters in the "Will O' the Wisp" will be as follows:

The Stray Frances Bayne
The Countrywoman Jessie A. Harris
The Poet's Wife Edna Baskett
The Serving-maid Dorothy Ransom
The cast of characters in "Plots and Playwrights" is:

Alice Sarah E. Moore
Beside Mary I. Conant
Edna Mary B. Meserve
Maid Frankie D. Wilson

The cast for "The Dear Departed" will be selected by the students in the class. R. M. Dewey is in charge of the plays. He has given the class two lessons in make-up.

BOARD TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS

Advisory Body of Salvation Army in Charge of Campaign.

The Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Boone County not only takes charge of campaigns for funds, but has a voice in the distribution of these funds.

Sixteen major activities are carried on by the Salvation Army. Among the institutions conducted by this organization are rescue homes, maternity hospitals, industrial homes, orphanages, young women's boarding homes and men's hotels.

Free employment bureaus aid the country girl in finding her place in the

city. Twelve rescue homes in the West give homeless boys and girls a sheltered, Christian place in which to live. Citizenship is taught in nearly five hundred Corps Halls in the western states.

Any boy or girl in Columbia who is without a home or needs special attention may be reported to the Advisory Board, and he or she will be given the needed attention and help for the relief work is carried on in this county as well as in cities.

TO COMPLETE REPAIRS SOON

Changes at Postoffice to Insure Better Mail Service Here.

"The repairs now being made at the postoffice are making the work of the clerks at the windows much easier," said L. J. Hall, Columbia postmaster, this morning.

"Moving the special delivery windows from in front of the north entrance has resulted in removing much of the congestion there. The repairs are almost completed now and will be completed by the end of the week."

"After we get our working place straightened up again and get our work adjusted to the changed conditions, we expect to see a benefit from the repairs by our ability to get the mail to the public sooner. Just what the saving in time will be cannot be definitely stated, as there are a number of factors to be considered, and the volume of mail handled by us is constantly increasing."

ORCHARD HAS BIG BUSINESS

Riverview Near McBaine, Sells From 600 to 800 Bushels a Day.

The Riverview orchard near McBaine has turned McBaine into a busy city. Never before in the history of the county has any of its orchards had such business as the Riverview orchard, managed by R. M. Gibson.

For the last week people have come to the orchard from all over the county. Yesterday one of the workmen at the orchard said they had sold from six to eight hundred bushels of apples a day. The apples are sorted into large piles of different grades and sold in any amounts. The first-class apples are practically all put in barrels and sold in large quantities.

Logan to Cattle Breeding Test. E. A. Logan, United States agricultural statistician for Missouri, is now at Suck-bar, the farm of the late W. R. Nelson. He is attending a demonstration of thirty-year cattle breeding test, crossing purebred bulls and scrub cows.

Patients at the Hospital. The following were admitted to the Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday afternoon: Herbert Houchin, Marcel Silverstone and Roy H. McBride. John Ross, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, was admitted to the hospital this morning for a minor operation.

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PLAN CLOTHES TO FIT BUDGET

University Women Learn to Remodel Winter Clothing On Scientific Basis.

Sewing for the family, is the problem that must be worked out by the members of the clothing problem class of the home economics department of the University. "Our first and perhaps the most interesting problem," said Miss Florence Cason, instructor, "is making over a wool dress. As there are so many limitations a great deal of time and thought is necessary in planning the garment to be made over. The old dresses are brought to class and the advisability of remaking them is discussed. Many people waste time and money remodeling garments that are not worth it, so we try to teach the students to recognize the relative values of their old dresses."

"Limited to a great degree as to color, style, and material, the student sets out to remodel an old garment to one that is suitable in design to her own individual figure. Color is involved only in the trimming but it may play an important part in this capacity so is worthy of careful consideration with reference to the garment as a whole and to the coloring and figure of the individual." Neck lines

are very important both in the effect upon the individual and upon the general character of the dress."

"Along with the actual construction of the wool garment, we take up the study of weaves and wool and silk fibers. The wearing qualities of the hard close weaves that is found in serges is compared to the novelty and homespun materials. Sheepskin is laid in the best and easiest material to make over. It never wears shiny and the color can easily be restored by washing with soap and water."

"In considering the wool and silk fibers, chemical tests are made to show adulterations, and the materials examined under the microscope for physical tests. This study is for the purpose of assisting the student in intelligent buying."

"The cost of remodeling these dresses vary, ranging from \$1.40 to \$4. Making complete layette is the next piece of work to be attempted by the class. Each girl makes one garment of the outfit, and is unrestricted in material, color and design. The finished garments are then discussed and criticized in class. A model layette is usually sent out over the state to be used by the home demonstration agents."

"The clothing budget of this year will doubtless prove of interest to the average University girl," said Miss Cason, "as we are taking up the problem of the college girl's wardrobe and the relative value of her clothing budget in proportion to her allowance."

An Important Sale of Silk Hose

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